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Why?

FOR weeks past the Presbyterian Boards have been sending out in every letter from their offices a slip bearing the legend:—

*"Look out for the January Number of the ASSEMBLY HERALD!
You will know WHY when you see it."*

We wish to help you know why this number of the ASSEMBLY HERALD is issued, and a large number of extra copies sent all over the Church. Its purpose is to stress the Presbyterian United Movement. To understand the Movement, a little history may be recalled.

Though the genealogy of the American Presbyterian Church may be traced through Colonial times and even back through Apostolic to Patriarchal times, the Church we know is an evolution rather than a survival or a repetition of an ancient type. Like every other denomination, the Presbyterian Church has been largely shaped by the circumstances under which it has grown. As it has grown, it has gained both strength and adaptation for an ever-increasing work. Today, with clear eyes and warm heart and skilled hands, it puts new determination into its every effort to do its full part in winning the world to Christ. The articles in this number of the HERALD are written to call attention not alone to Presbyterian achievements, but to Presbyterian opportunities and to the Agencies by which Presbyterians are trying to meet them.

The conditions under which the Church has worked have slowly evolved its present machinery. Temporary Committees have gradually given way to permanent Boards and Departments, controlled by the General Assembly. These Agencies administer certain kinds of work throughout the denomination, always with full respect to the fundamental Presbyterian doctrines of the authority of the Presbyteries and the parity of the ministers. Recently the tendency has been to guard against any possible independence of the Boards, and at the same time to facilitate their work, as well as to unify their aims and ap-

Our Church and the Colored People

THE Board of Missions for Freedmen of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. had its real origin amid the thunder of cannon and the boom of battle. Under the direction of the General Assembly (O. S.) two committees in 1864 took charge of this missionary work, necessarily limited, during the continuance of the Civil War to military lines and "Contraband" camps, and in 1865 these committees were united in our General Assembly. A little later the General Assembly (N. S.) created a Freedmen's department, and after the Reunion these two committees were consolidated in the Freedmen's Committee of the United Church.

The spectacle of 4,000,000 negroes, ignorant, penniless, untrained, unable to read or write, in whom all regard for marriage or personal purity, and all appreciation of the responsibilities of the family or respect for fatherhood and motherhood had been intentionally suppressed, without friends or intelligent leaders of their own race, touched the hearts and consciences of Christians and patriots, and called out the missionary spirit and enduring devotion of some of the noblest men and women our church has known. But the work had its special difficulties, and when the committee (O. S.) was to be established, it was found that only ministers and elders from Pittsburgh would undertake the task, and therefore it was located in that city. For no inconsiderable time afterwards, the churches of Pittsburgh, Allegheny and vicinity were the only ones freely opened in behalf of the Freedmen, and it was with the greatest difficulty that the secretary, Rev. S. C. Logan, D.D., succeeded in obtaining permission to present this cause to the churches of the larger cities and in the country at large.

The location at Pittsburgh has proved a wise one, and the churches in Pittsburgh and vicinity have been its most hearty and generous supporters, and their ministers and elders and devoted women have been its wise counsellors, and hearty and intelligent friends.

After twelve years of work as a committee, the wise leaders of the Presbyterian Church realized that this mission work was not a work of a day or two. They found the Negro problem a peculiar one, far different from that of the immigrant or foreigner so quickly absorbed in the white race, admitted rapidly to school and church and political equality and social privileges. Isolated by his color and the memories and prejudices of slavery, denied all intercourse or comradeship which might lead to equality by the other race among whom he dwelt, the Negro required a special oversight, a wise and intelligent leadership, and a training which must be adapted to his circumstances and conditions. And as it was a work not easily accomplished, a responsibility not quickly to be laid aside, it was a work which required special schools and establishments and property endowments, and these made the incorporation of the Committee into a Board an evident necessity. In 1882 a charter was obtained, and the Committee became a corporate body under the name of "The Board of Missions for Freedmen of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America," a title which should be noted by friends desirous of making bequests to the Board.

REV. S. J. FISHER, D.D.

STATISTICS

The Negro population in the South, according to the census of 1910, was 8,749,390. The Negro population outside of the South, 1,078,904. The total Negro population in the United States, 9,828,294. One-tenth of the entire population.